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"The THRILL of THE HUNT!"

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KRAVEN
The HUNTER!

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EVERY WILD BEAST THAT
WALKS, CLIMBS, OR
CRAWLS, I'VE BEATEN
WITH MY BARE
HANDS!

...AND YET,
THE GREATEST
PRIZE OF ALL IS
STILL DENIED
ME!

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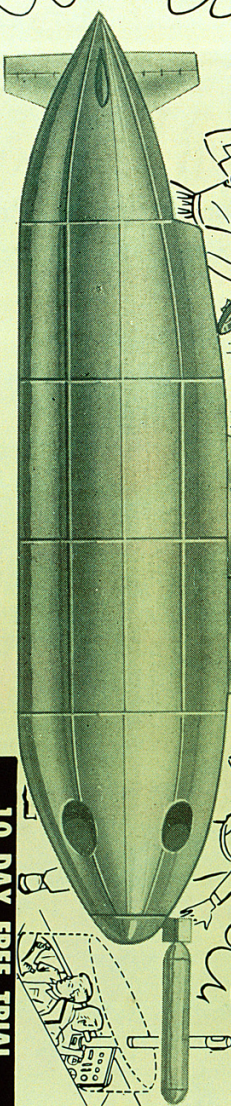
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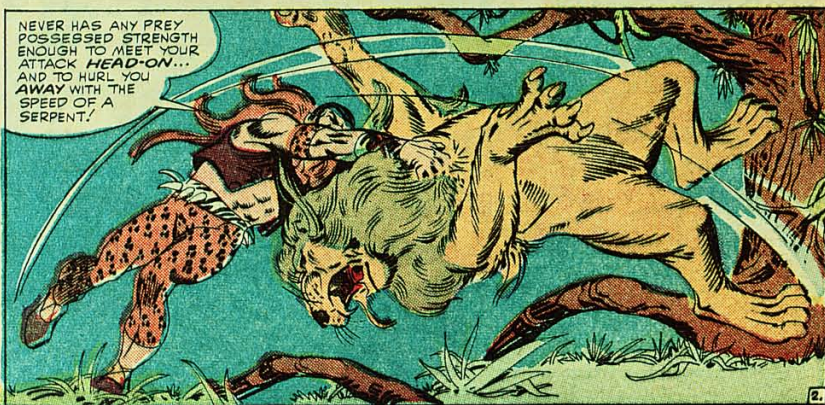
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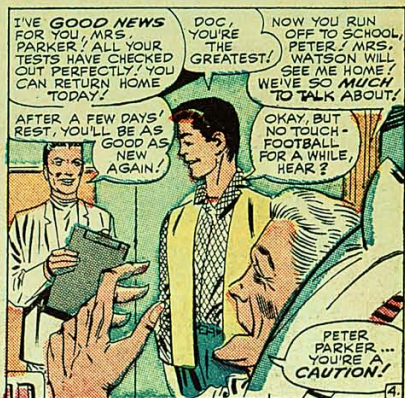
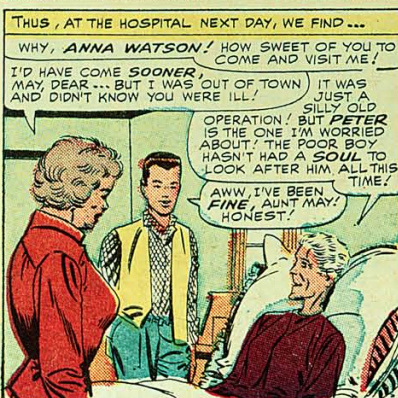
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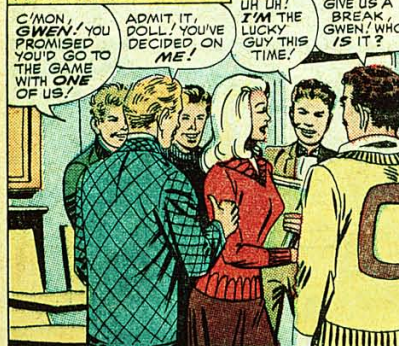
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ALLOW ME, FAIR MAIDEN...!



LOOK, I DON'T GET IT! WHAT GIVES?



YOU'VE BEEN SNUBBIN' US SINCE SCHOOL STARTED... WALKING AROUND HERE LIKE A SWELL-HEADED SNOB, JUST BECAUSE YOU WON A SCHOLARSHIP!



I GUESS I CAN'T BLAME THEM FOR THINKING I'M THE PRIZE CRUMB OF THE YEAR!



BUT I SURE DON'T INTEND TO BEG THEM FOR A CHANCE TO EXPLAIN!





I GUESS WE TOLD THAT EGG-HEAD WHERE TO GET OFF, EH, GWEN?

I GUESS SO, HARRY!

BUT, I WONDER WHY I FEEL A BIT ASHAMED OF MYSELF.



AFTER ALL, HE HAS COLD-SHOULDERED ALL OF US EVER SINCE HE CAME TO E.S.U. AND YET...

PERHAPS HE HAD A REASON! PERHAPS WE JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND...

THAT GWEN IS A KNOCKOUT! IF ONLY... AW, WHAT'S THE USE?!



BUT HE COULDN'T CARE LESS! LOOK AT HIM BENDING OVER THOSE TEST-TUBES! HE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW I EXIST!

WELL, MR. PETER PARKER... JUST YOU WAIT!



LATER, AFTER CLASS HAS ENDED...

POLICE SIRENS! SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED! LOOK AT THEM GO!

WHEEEEEE



IT'LL ONLY TAKE ME A COUPLE OF SECONDS TO CHANGE TO SPIDER-MAN!

THEN, I CAN ZIP AROUND THEM AND GET SOME PHOTOS OF THE ACTION!



AWW, COME TO THINK OF IT, WHY BOTHER?

I'VE STILL GOT SOME MONEY LEFT FROM THE LAST PIX I SOLD TO JAMESON... AND AUNT MAY WILL BE WAITING FOR ME!

SO, I'LL JUST GO HOME AND STUDY, LIKE ANYONE ELSE!

PETER PARKER... "AVERAGE AMERICAN" THAT'S ME!



BUT, OUR "AVERAGE AMERICAN'S" SELF-IMPOSED VACATION IS DESTINED TO END MUCH SOONER THAN HE SUSPECTS! FOR, NOT LONG AFTERWARDS...

THIS IS THE PLACE! I KNEW I'D FIND IT AGAIN!

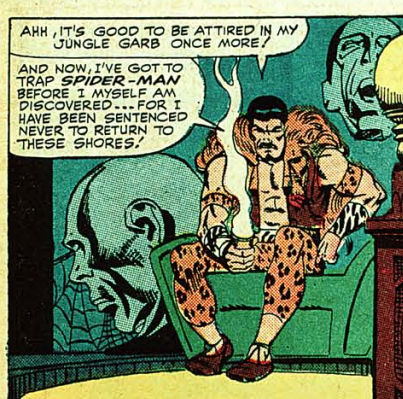


IT'S THE CHAMELEON'S LAST HIDEOUT... THE ONE HE USED WHEN THE TWO OF US TEAMED UP!

I DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM, SO LONG AS HE STAYS AWAY TILL MY MISSION IS OVER!



FOR, THE TIME HAS COME FOR KRAVEN TO BEGIN HIS GREATEST HUNT!



AHH, IT'S GOOD TO BE ATTIRED IN MY JUNGLE GARB ONCE MORE!

AND NOW, I'VE GOT TO TRAP SPIDER-MAN BEFORE I MYSELF AM DISCOVERED... FOR I HAVE BEEN SENTENCED NEVER TO RETURN TO THESE SHORES!



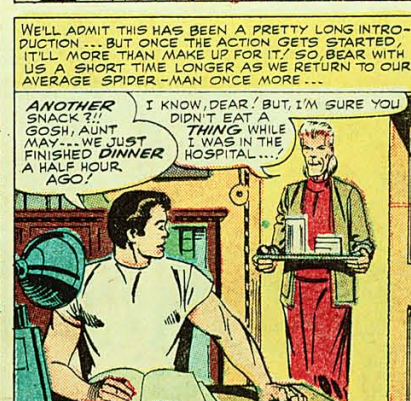
BUT, IT'S WORTH THE RISK... WORTH WHATEVER PRICE I MAY HAVE TO PAY... TO DESTROY THE ONE I LOATHE THE MOST IN ALL THE WORLD!

NOW, I MUST FIND A WAY TO MAKE HIM WANT TO FIGHT ME! I NEED BAIT... JUST THE RIGHT BAIT FOR SO DANGEROUS A QUARRY!



THEN, AFTER LONG HOURS OF CAREFUL PLANNING... SCHEMING...

I HAVE IT! THE PERFECT LURE! JUST THE THING TO LEAD HIM TO MY TRAP... AND THEN, THE HUNT SHALL BEGIN!



WE'LL ADMIT THIS HAS BEEN A PRETTY LONG INTRODUCTION... BUT ONCE THE ACTION GETS STARTED, IT'LL MORE THAN MAKE UP FOR IT! SO, BEAR WITH US A SHORT TIME LONGER AS WE RETURN TO OUR AVERAGE SPIDER-MAN ONCE MORE...

ANOTHER SNACK?! I KNOW, DEAR! BUT, I'M SURE YOU DIDN'T EAT A GOSH, AUNT MAY... WE JUST WERE IN THE HOSPITAL... A HALF HOUR AGO!



THAT'S IT, PETER! A BOY YOUR AGE NEEDS A LOT OF NOURISHMENT ESPECIALLY SINCE YOU'VE BEEN STUDYING SO HARD!

IN FACT, I WONDER IF IT WOULDN'T BE A GOOD IDEA FOR YOU TO HAVE A HOBBY? SOMETHING TO HELP YOU RELAX FROM YOUR STUDIES!

NOW DON'T YOU WORRY ABOUT IT, AUNT MAY! IT HAPPENS THAT I DO HAVE A LITTLE HOBBY!

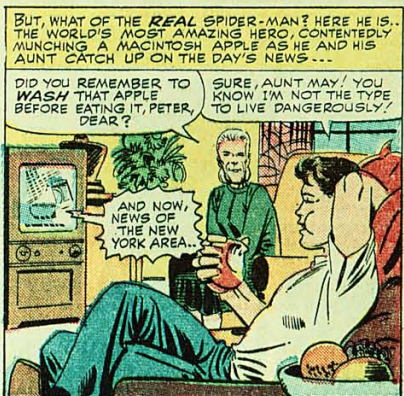
LIKE SWINGING ACROSS ROOFTOPS, AND CLIMBING UP WALLS!



OKAY, WEB-SPINNERS! YOU'VE BEEN PATIENT WITH US TILL NOW, AND HERE'S WHERE IT STARTS PAYING OFF... AS A COMMANDING VOICE HAIRS A TAXI, A SILENT, COSTUMED FIGURE LURKS IN THE SHADOWS...

TAXI! I SAID TAXI! THIS IS J. JONAH JAMESON!

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SOMEONE IS IMPERSONATING ME!... BUT, WHY??



TSK! ALL THIS AWFUL CRIME NEWS!

I'M ITCHING TO RUN OUT AND FIND THE BOGUS SPIEY... BUT I HATE TO LEAVE AUNT MAY ALONE SO SOON AFTER HER ILLNESS!

THEY SHOULDN'T BROADCAST SUCH DREADFUL THINGS! I HOPE IT DOESN'T UPSET YOU PETER!



I'LL WAIT A WHILE AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS; IT'S PROBABLY JUST SOME CRANK! THE POLICE MAY HAVE ROUNDED HIM UP ALREADY!

NO, AUNT MAY, I DON'T BELIEVE HALF OF IT, ANYWAY!



THE DECISION MADE, ALL THAT REMAINS IS TO FORMULATE A PLAN OF ACTION...

SPIDEY IS STILL GETTING STAR BILLING ON ALL THE NEWS PROGRAMS, AND NONE OF THE REPORTS ARE FLATTERING!

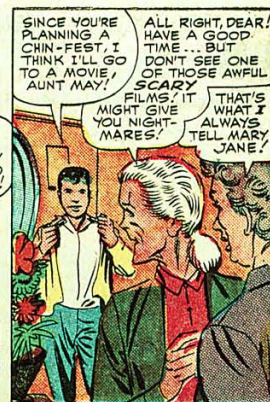
BUT HOW DO I GO WALTZING OUT TONIGHT WITHOUT WORRYING AUNT MAY??

RRRRING!



MRS. WATSON! I JUST FEEL LIKE HAVING A GOOD, OLD-FASHIONED CHAT, MAY, DEAR!

I, ANNA, I'VE GOT THE TASTIEST COOKIES... AND TEA WILL BE READY IN NO TIME!



SINCE YOU'RE PLANNING A CHIN-FEST, I THINK I'LL GO TO A MOVIE, AUNT MAY!

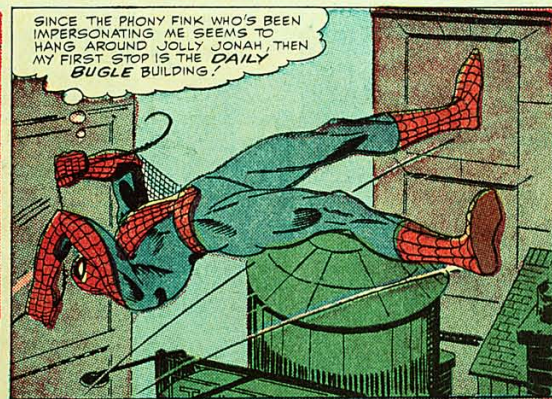
ALL RIGHT, DEAR! I HAVE A GOOD TIME, BUT DON'T SEE ONE OF THOSE AWFUL SCARY FILMS! IT MIGHT GIVE YOU NIGHTMARES!

THAT'S WHAT I ALWAYS TELL MARY JANE!



...WHEW! THANK GOODNESS FOR MRS. WATSON.

AND NOW, IT'S TIME FOR THE REAL SPIDER-MAN TO GO INTO ACTION!



SINCE THE PHONY FINK WHO'S BEEN IMPERSONATING ME SEEMS TO HANG AROUND JOLLY JONAH, THEN MY FIRST STOP IS THE DAILY BUGLE BUILDING!



JAMESON... YOU DIDN'T THINK I'D FORGET YOU? YOU AGAIN!

YOU'VE NOTHING TO FEAR FROM ME NOW! I'LL BIDE MY TIME... KEEP YOU GUESSING...

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SOMEONE SHOULD PUT THAT MASKED WALL-CRAWLER OUT OF CIRCULATION ONCE AND FOR ALL!

IF THIS KEEPS UP, I'LL PROBABLY BE MOBBED IF I EVER DARE APPEAR IN PUBLIC AS SPIDEY AGAIN!

IF YOU ASK ME, IT'S TIME THE F.B.I. STEPPED IN!

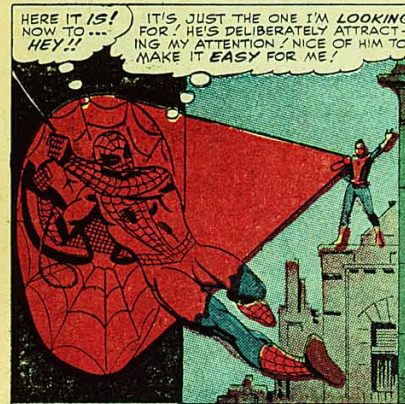
YOU SAID IT!



UNTIL, AT LAST, PETER PARKER IS FORCED TO MAKE A GRIM DECISION...

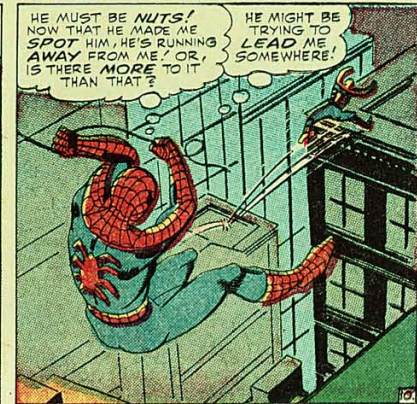
I CAN'T LET WHATEVER REPUTATION I HAVE LEFT BE TORN TO SHREDS SO EASILY! JUST CAN'T!

I'VE GOT TO TAKE A HAND IN THIS! I'VE GOT TO LEARN WHO THE IMPOSTOR IS... AND STOP HIM!



HERE IT IS! NOW TO... HEY!!

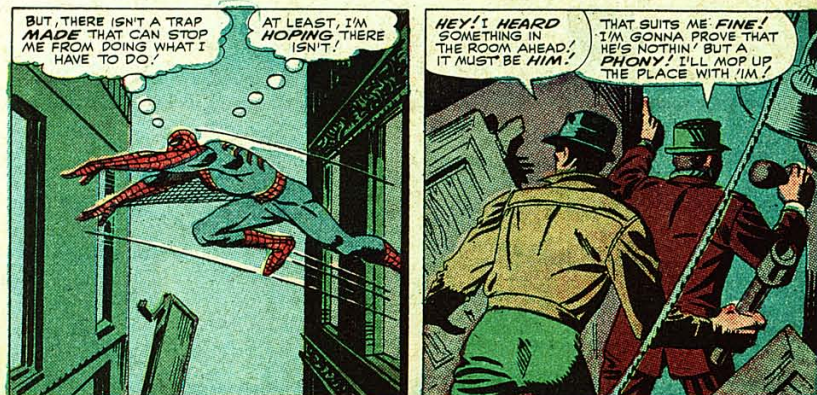
IT'S JUST THE ONE I'M LOOKING FOR! HE'S DELIBERATELY ATTRACTING MY ATTENTION! NICE OF HIM TO MAKE IT EASY FOR ME!



HE MUST BE NUTS! NOW THAT HE'S TRYING TO SPOT HIM, HE'S RUNNING AWAY FROM ME! OR, IS THERE MORE TO IT THAN THAT?

HE MIGHT BE MADE ME LEAD ME SOMEWHERE!





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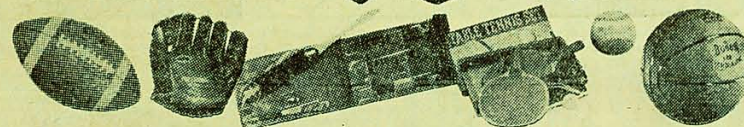
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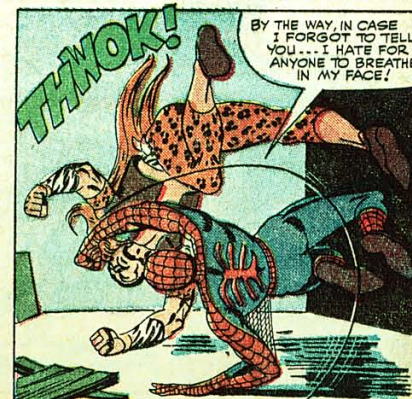
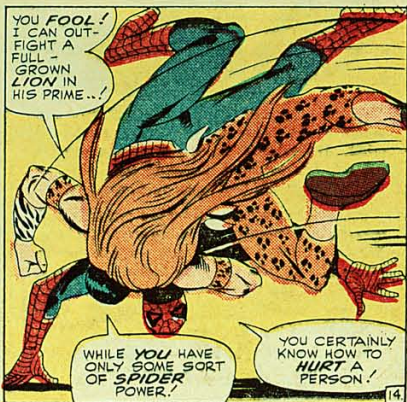
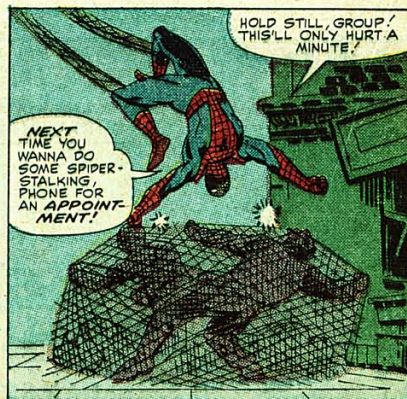
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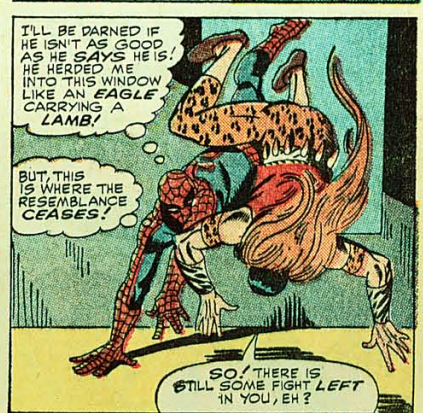
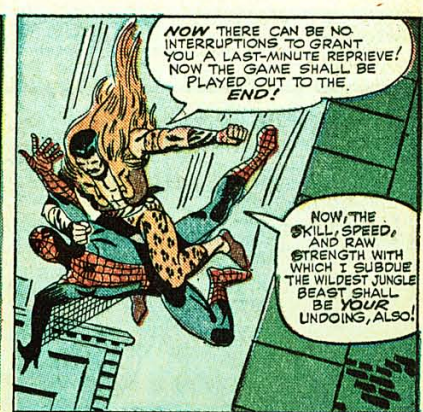
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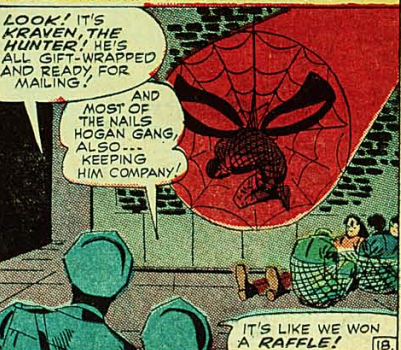
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IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T GUESSED, KRAVEN...

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AWW, THE **HECK** WITH IT! IF I BRING THEM TO JAMESON, I'LL HAVE TO SEE BETTY...



-AND, SOME-HOW, I JUST DON'T FEEL UP TO FACING HER, RIGHT NOW!

BESIDES, IT'S ONLY FAIR FOR ME TO STAY AWAY FROM HER... TO GIVE HER A CHANCE TO GET ME OUT OF HER SYSTEM, ONCE AND FOR ALL! IT'S THE **LEAST** I CAN DO FOR HER!



AND, AS SPIDER-MAN DISAPPEARS INTO THE ENVELOPING DARKNESS...



YES, IT'S TRUE! I IMPERSONATED SPIDER-MAN! IT WAS I WHO THREATENED JONAH JAMESON!

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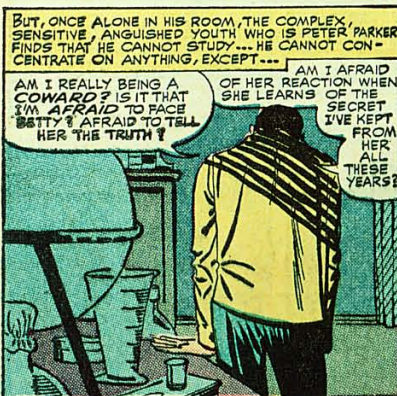
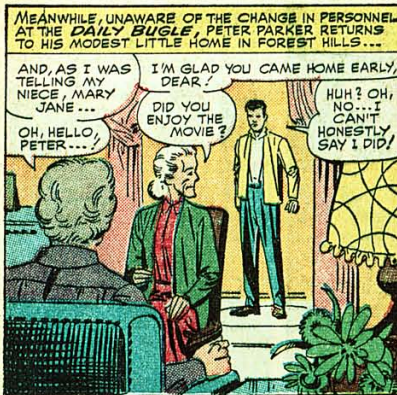
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DEPARTMENT OF UTTER CONFUSION: We wanted to tell you which artists will do what strips this month, but the situation is more mixed-up than ever! However, we can safely mention one change which we think you'll flip over—JOHNNY ROMITA will do the Hulk in ANTONISH #77 (now on sale), as well as continuing the breathtaking depiction of Daredevil in the masterful mag of the same name! Meanwhile, it looks as though ADAM AUSTIN will stay with Iron Man for a while—he's doing too great a job to stop! Have you noticed more and more of darlin' DICK AYERS' inking popping up in our mags? We suspect he's jealous of all the fuss we've been making of jolly JOEY SINNOTT's fabulous work on the FANTASTIC FOUR, and he wants to get into the act himself! As for us, we're happy about the whole thing. We've been boosters of Dick's inking for as long as we can remember!

STRICTLY PERSONAL: It isn't generally known, but many of our merry Marvel artists are also talented story men in their

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SUSPENSE #75: If you think Iron Man was in trouble before, wait! If you read this one! As for Dr. Strange, we hope Steve Ditko can save him—poor Stan doesn't know how!

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Dear Stan and Steve,

What happened to Spidey? I'm referring to the botched-up SPIDER-MAN #30. You seemed to have forgotten to put a plot in it. You started off with a crook called the Cat Burglar, who thinks he is too insignificant for Spidey to fight. Then you have a gang of masked crooks whose leader is the Cat. Somewhere along the line you mix up the two and end with the Cat Burglar being captured while being called the Cat. You never see the gang leader so maybe the Cat Burglar is the gang leader, but you never say if anything happened to the gang. The two can't be the same person, for the gang was not said to be apprehended or disbanded. If they were supposed to be the same, then the story failed miserably. If they were supposed to be two different people, the story failed even more. You are known for your slip-ups and nutty mistakes, but this is the first time you have come out with a whole magazine devoted to total confusion! I hope next month you will bring back what has made Spidey such a great character—a plot!

Richard Weingard, 21220 Tyee St.
Castro Valley, Calif.

The only thing we wanna know, Dick, is—what are you complaining about? From what you mention, it sounds to us like ish #30 was a ring-ding smasheroo! It's not easy dreaming up plots that don't make sense—they're the toughest kind! So, thanks for your lavish means of praise, pal—but be careful—you know how susceptible we are to flattery!

Dear Stan and Steve,

I must comment on SPIDEY #30. First of all, the splash page gave an insight into Spidey's future. Those faces of Liz and Peter were fab! Also, I have noticed that when Stan plots a story, there is one main plot, but when Steve plots one, there are several. (Example: Molten Man and Spidey's graduation were of equal plot value.) Also, the idea of a criminal's being so smart that he behaves like an ordinary crook was a brilliant stroke. This Liz-or-Betty thing is getting me down. Congratulate Artie for his great lettering. Don't continue the great work—you can make it better! Branch Ecch is watching you!

Tap King, 5864 Baltic Ave.
Jacksonville, Fla.

Tsk tsk! For shame, Tap! We never thought you'd make a mistake like that! Not you! Do you want to involve us in a lawsuit? You know how sensitive they are about getting their name spelled right! It's Brand Ecch, son—not Brand Ecch!

Dear Stan and Steve,

Awright, you guys—I've had it! I've been reading Marvel mags for a good many years and I've kept my mouth shut, but after reading SPIDER-MAN #30, I decided that something should be said. Firstly, the issue was tremendous. I almost died at the last two panels on page 5, but I was really shook up at the chain of events that happened between Peter and Betty. The last panel was particularly effective. Secondly, I don't think Betty should accept Ned Leeds' proposal. So they work together—big deal. That's fine for making friends, but not marriage partners. Besides, Betty isn't really sure about herself. She admits that she loves Peter, but is kept apart from him by that "one secret." Thirdly, I believe that Peter and Betty should be married. (Not immediately, perhaps, but eventually.) It is well known that Betty and Peter are in love, but Peter thinks he can never propose to her because of her preju-

dices against an adventuresome, Spider-Man type. However, you could place Betty and Spider-Man in a situation where they would be in danger together for most of the issue. In such a situation Betty might have to take risks, and at the same time, see Spidey as he really is—not just the clowning, cavorting adventurer that she sees him as but also as someone beneath the mask—a human being with emotions, cares, and feelings. In the story she could come to love this Spider-Man, if the person under the mask were someone she were really in love with—someone like Peter Parker, perhaps. You can see the implications. Fourthly, I don't like one bit the looks of those dizzy spells Aunt May has been getting lately. If you're planning to have her "leave" Marvel as you've been doing with so many others, I shall personally sic the Destroyer, the Juggernaut, and Irving Forbush on every one of you. Before I fold, I want to say that long after all the Brand Ecch comics have crumbled away into decaying, rancid dust, Marvel shall raise its mighty head up into the sky as a tribute to all the Marvelites in the world!

Richard Pini, 458 Ridgeview Road
Orange, Conn.

And who are we to argue with noble sentiments like that! Enjoyed your letter, Dick—especially Stan, who says you're almost as big a cornball as he is!

Dear Stan and Steve,

I have just finished reading SPIDER-MAN #30. "The Claws of the Cat"—and I thought it was great. I thought that it was a pleasant change to have Spidey fighting a non-powered criminal. The Cat proved to be witty, clever, and cunning, and when he blew up that water tank right on top of ol' Spidey, that really slipped me! By the way, do you know that the F.F. is cheating Spidey? They've been in his mag twice, and aside from that the Torch has appeared five times. When is the magnificent web-spinner going to appear in their mag? I'm looking forward to a real knockdown, drag-out swingout. Finally, how about a Beast-Spidey fight? Man, what a battle that would be! Yours till Aunt May clobbers bashful Benjamin bare-knuckled!

Barry Hicks, 10 Jewel Terr.
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Gosh, Barry—we didn't even know that our costumed cuties were mad at each other, and here you want them to go around having knockdown swingouts! Doesn't anyone ever want a nice, peaceful little tale, filled with brotherly love and good fellowship? Or, do you only love us because we're hostile?

Dear Stan and Steve,

I would like to comment on SPIDEY. First of all, he rates far over all the rest. There is only one thing wrong with this mag; you are giving too much of it to Peter Parker's private life. Do you realize that in SPIDER-MAN #30 Peter appeared in 39 panels while Spider-Man himself was only in 45? This means that "Peter Parker and group" is getting almost half of the mag. Please do something about this. By the way, Spidey promised Daredevil a favor way back in SPIDER-MAN #16. When is he going to repay it? In closing, may I say that Marvel is going to be around a long, long time!

Allen Romanok, 126 Thompson Ave.
Bound Brook, N.J. 08805

But not if you keep asking questions that we can't answer, Al! We don't know when Spidey will repay D.D.—in fact, the last we heard of the fearless one,

he was in some hidden jungle, having his hands full with Ka-Zar and some crazy pirate! Maybe Spidey's not so dumb—who'd want to get mixed-up in a brawl like that?

Dear Stan and Steve,

You've finally done it! Marvel has taken its first step in taking over the world! The M.M.M.S. is really making the scene. One night I was leisurely listening to WLS, a Chicago radio station, when the disc jockey, Art Roberts by name, announced that he had received a Merry Marvel Marcher's kit. He mentioned all our costumed cherubs and also mentioned a villain—the Scorpion. The best part, though, was his reciting the Pledge To Marvel. I nearly went wild hearing the Marvel Group finally getting the credit you deserve for putting out such great mags. Keep up the great work!

Gary Timmermans, 66 Williams St.
Crystal Lake, Calif.

We intend to, Gary boy! We must have received a zillion letters from frantic fans telling us about Art Roberts' mention of the M.M.M.S. on the air—and naturally we're delighted! But, we've been getting the credit we deserve for months—in the best way possible—by the loyal, unswerving support of Marvelites such as yourself—readers who have made our capricious comics the most popular, most talked-about, fastest-selling mags of their type in the free world! So, whether you're a disc jockey or a debutante—a student or a G.I.—a politician or a pussycat—if you're a Marvel madman we love ya, and you can pat yourself on the back for helping to make this truly the Marvel Age of Comics!



Dear Stan and Steve,

I just love your hero, the Amazing Spider-Man. He's probably your most colorful character. I've just finished reading the great MARVEL TALES ANNUAL #2, and I especially liked the story "A Monster Among Us." Why don't you put in an AMAZING FANTASY tale each month in one of your mags, or bring back the original book? By the way, SPIDER-MAN #29 was one of the best issues you've ever published!

John Bacha, 648 Thoreau Terr.
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Thanks, Johnny, and as you've seen by the notice in the Bullpen Page, we are bringing back many of our old-time fantasy tales in FANTASY MASTERPIECES! The first one goes on sale this month, so don't miss it, hear?

Dear Stan and Steve,

Just thought I'd tell you how Marvel has taken over here. Yesterday I went downtown with my friend to look for old Marvels. After buying and looking, we asked the saleslady what she thought of Marvel compared to a leading competitor. She said that the Marvels were the only books you get your money's worth from, and that the turnover on Marvels was amazing. (No news to us!) Then I asked

the price of an old Torch or Captain America book and she said \$15.00! I asked to see an old book of a leading competitor and she said I'd be wasting my money. When we went to another store, we didn't even get in the door or open our mouths before the man said, "Looking for Marvel Comics?" It looks like it's getting so you don't even have to say—"Make mine Marvel!"

Gabe Eisenstein, 7914 Paxton Ave.
Chicago, Ill. 60617

That's great news, Gabe! Even if you've exaggerated a bit, it still sounds good! But, fifteen clams for an old CAPTAIN AMERICA mag—wow! Maybe we oughta stop producing and start collecting!

Dear Stan and Steve,

I'll get to the point of this letter. I have no malicious intent and, as a matter of fact, I am an avid reader of SPIDER-MAN; but I think that Aunt May should be removed from the magazine, by some means, for the following reasons: (1) As I see it, Aunt May is the only important reason to keep Spidey from revealing his secret identity. (2) With Spidey's secret identity revealed, there would be many different topics to have stories based on, such as Flash's reaction to finding out that his worst enemy and his idol are one and the same. Now don't get me wrong—I am greatly in favor of some less drastic way of revealing Spidey's identity. But, as I see it, this is the only way. Now that I've stated my idea, I'd like to thank you for giving us such excellent entertainment in all your magazines. I think that S.H.I.E.L.D. is the most wonderful thing since Spidey fought Doc Doom! Keep up the good work!

David Greenlee, 1404 Oliver St.
Weatherford, Tex. 76086

But we can't remove Aunt May, Dave! You may not know it, but she's the favorite pin-up queen of some of our older readers! You don't think our mags are just for the young campus crowd, do you?

Dear Stan and Steve,

I like an issue that's full of action, and Spidey mags usually have an overabundance of action, but not always. I've seen a little too much of J.J.J. lately. Spidey's agility and speed are the talents that I like to see more of. Spidey seems to be getting stronger and more agile all the time, so don't slow him up with the Clown and the Masters of Menace or that type so much. Have him battle more foes like Dr. Doom and the Hulk who really run him through the mill. I would like to know if Spidey is competing on a par with the F.F., the Avengers, or any other group. It seemed so when he battled Dr. Doom, but then again, the Sandman had to team up with other villains to take on the F.F. Also, I'm all for spiders!

Moses Herrera, Texas A & M University
P.O. Box 77, Palestine, Tex. 75801

Who isn't? You should see Stan walking his pet spider on a leash down Madison Avenue! We don't mind that so much, but when Smiley tried to get him fitted for a muzzle, we figured he was puttin' us on!

NEXT ISH: For all of you who thrilled to Spidey's last battle with the Molten Man—and for all who clamored for Web-Head's slugfest with Mollie to go on much longer—SPIDER-MAN #35 is just what the doctor ordered! (And we don't mean Dr. Doom! You'll find him in the AVENGERS this month!) Leave it to us to stick a plug in anywhere! So, latch onto our next action-packed ish, and stop carrying your life-sized Spider-Man pin-up in your vest pocket—you'll wrinkle it that way!

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BELIEVE IT OR NOT—I can add solid pounds of rippling, steely muscle to your puny arms and back—those scrawny, scrawny skeleton arms and PACK EVERY INCH with explosive virile MAN-MUSCLE. I can take that caved-in chest and make it a broad, powerful, manly chest.
MAN-SIZED BRAWN—I can clothe your skinny frame with GIANT, RIPPING DYNAPLEX MUSCLE. You'll have the admiration of all who awe and admiration! And with NO tiring exercise. NO high-priced bar-bells or gym equipment.

FREE! "SECRETS OF BEING ATTRACTIVE!"

Fellow! Mail the coupon now, and receive Mike Marvel's FREE Gift Book. Discover the exciting and informative way of developing a secret new MGNETIC way of being new, almost MGNETIC way of being attractive and popular! At parties, dances, at the beach-you will have the people clustering around you breathlessly, "What does HE have envious of?" They will want to be like WE! Now, their gift from Mike Marvel is in the new exciting new book, "Fill out and mail the coupon NOW!"



Outside USA: Send International Money Order or cash. Great Britain: \$1.98 is about 15 shillings. For air mail delivery, send 1 pound.

Yes! If they LAUGH at you now when you take off your shirt—they'll be amazed—once they've seen the rugged DYNAFLEX BODY I can give you! I'll build you a tough massive body—shoulders clad with solid inches of he-man BRAWN. I'll give you bulging biceps, trip-hammer fists, power-packed legs, and a chest that will have you popping the buttons off your shirt with pride! (—says MIKE MARVEL, "Builder of Champion Bodies")

In my classes this same course of instruction would cost \$110.00.

Or is your problem a body sagging with soft rolls of unhealthy, handsome FAT? Puny muscles—sagging stomach—bloated face—arms heavy with layers of BLUBBER? Are you ASHAMED to go to the beach and let them see your "FAT-MAN" figure?

PHISIQUE!
If so, wake up fella! **THIS IS IT!**
I will peel off that fat and give
you a lean virile **DYNAPLEX**
BODY, armored with a
sheath of hard-tough hand-
some muscle. I can build
you into a healthy, stream-
lined **HERCULES**—bursting
with dynamic body strength.
I'll give you a taut rock-
hard midsection—legs mus-
cled like cool steel springs.
I can pack solid **DYNAMITE**
into your arms and give you a rugged hand-
some build brim-full of the magnetic **SUPER-**
BODY APPEAL. And with NO starvation diet-
ing! PAINFUL callisthenics — NO expensive
health-foods!

**HOW DYNAFLEX BUILDS
BEAUTIFUL BODIES**

DYNAFLEX is the modern miracle of body-building! It takes no tiresome exercises, "crash" diets, protein foods, and no weights or bar-bells. DYNAFLEX is the amazing discovery of the great German Scientist Dr. Otto von Stiehr. Strength found a thrilling new way to build GIGANTIC BRAWNY MUSCLES in ten minutes a day. With DYNAFLEX you "flex" each muscle for 10 minutes a day. That is 100 times more effective than if you exercised that muscle 20, 30, even 100 times the old-fashioned way. With DYNAFLEX you get bigger results in ten minutes than ever before! Granting and groaning, hefting heavy weights.

DYNAFLEX coaxes each muscle in your body to bring out its round, sleek fullness and strength. It gives you the look of a bodybuilder's muscle with glowing vibrant new strength and energy—FAST. In ten minutes a day I can get my arms, back, legs, and stomach muscles—give you a deep, powerful chest—solid shoulders and iron wrists—tough, slim midsection—strong, firm, and sexy—hips—simplifies my "DYNAFLEXING" each muscle once a day! There's nothing wrong with the bar-bell and weight-lifting machine, but why sweat, strain your way to a streamlined symmetrical body? DYNAFLEX BODY when you can't lift, prefer bigger, faster—easier with the DYNAFLEX SECRET!

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**STRONG-MAN BODY THAT'S
ADMIRABLE!**

Be honest. Down deep you KNOW you envy the boy with the virile, magnificent build. Every man and boy secretly desires a broad, powerful physique. You want the look of some he-man shoulders, arms rippling with tough, steely sinews, a narrow waist, slim hips, and a powerful, muscular back. You're a fellow with TWO-FISTED BIG MUSCLE APPEAL. . . they only laugh at skinny guys or fags. . .

Let me give you a glowing new body, brimming over with energy and irresistible inches. I can build three inches of beef and brawn on your shoulders. I will mold you a handsome, wide-beamed face. I will give you a crushing grip, legs crammed with steel springs. A lean taut rock-solid punch-proof torso. A powerful, burning, flaming fire and stamina that will help make you popular.

**GIVE ME TEN MINUTES A DAY
—THAT'S ALL!**

After DYNAFLEX, you'll be able to roll up your sleeves and take off your shirt and, for the first time in your life, you'll be PROUD of your manly build. Yes, pal, say goodbye to the lack of manly muscle and the lack of adventure and romance with a solid physique that glows and vibrates with virile he-man muscularity. You'll be really proud to have people call you a MANLY GENTLEMAN MUSCULAR at the beach or office and then tell them to stare with envy and jealousy—when friends crowd around to squeeze your iron biceps or touch your manly, manly, manly chest. You'll be able to ask in amazement, "HOW did they get that?" about the Magic Secret of DYNAFLEX!

Your Pal,
MIKE MARVEL
"Builder of Champion Bodies"

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\$198**

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Check as many of the boxes you want HERE—Complete System \$108.

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Okay, Mike! Here's \$1.08. Send me your COMPLETE (nothing else to buy later) body-building course. I want to win a new secret of DYNAPLEX to win a HERCULES HE-MAN BODY in just ten minutes a day. Rush my copies of the DYNAPLEX SYSTEM and my free gift book "Secrets of Being Attractive on your money-back guarantee" in my wrapper. If I don't develop a splendid physique and become more popular you will refund my money in full.

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